so far, out of the Special Central Assistance under the MADA programmes is 18,068.

Drinking water projects in Uttar Pradesh

81. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects undertaken or likely to be undertaken by the Central Government to solve the problem of drinking water in villages of Uttar Pradesh and what are the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred on each project;

(b) by when these projects are likely to start functioning; and

(c) what are the main difficulties, if any, in the implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) to (c) Provision of drinking water supply is the responsibility of the State Governments. Schemes for supply of drinking water in villages are formulated and implemented by the States under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government is only assisting the States in this effect by providing assistance under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

During the Seventh Plan the State Govt. has an outlay of Rs. 175.00 crores under MNP. Central assistance under ARWSP amounting to Rs. 46.06 crores has been released to the State in 1985-86. The allocation for 1986-87 is Rs. 46.15 crores out of which Rs. 20.86 crores has already been released. The Central Government has approved 8590 schemes for providing drinking water to 9328 villages at an estimated cost of Rs. 69.51 crores to be taken up during the Seventh Plan period.

Programme for Welfare of Scheduled Castes-Scheduled Tribes

82. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn up a comprehensive programme for the welfare of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme differs from the earlier programmes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes, if so, in what respect; and

(d) the extent to whch the social and economic conditions of the SC|ST are likely to improve as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement

For the development of Scheduled Caste, a new strategy was evolved and implemented during Sixth Five Year Plan. It is a combination of the three instruments, viz. (i) the Special Component Plans of the States and Central Ministries (SCP); (ii) the Special Central Assistance (SCA); (iii) Scheduled Caste Development Corporations in the States (SCDP). The Special Component Plan is designated to channelise the flow of benefits and outlays from the general sectors in the Plans of the States and Central Ministries for development of Scheduled Castes both in physical and financial terms. These Plans are envisaged to help the poor Scheduled Caste families belonging to all the major occupational groups, among them through composite income generating programmes, to improve their living conditions by providing infrastructural development in their basties, such as drinking water supply, link roads etc. and to take up special programmes for the welfare of vulnerable groups among them such as, sweepers and scavengers, bonded labourers, nomadic|semi-nomadic and denotified tribes among them. The participation of the non-governmental vo-